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Electrification of Railway Line

2215 SHRISIMON MARANDI Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to withdraw steam engines by 1995 keeping in view the increasing expenditure on fuel,

(b) if so, the names of the main routes from where the steam engines are likely to be withdrawn during the Eighth Five Year Plan,

(c) the names of the new routes where electric engines are likely to be introduced during the current year alongwith the routes where steam engines will be completely withdrawn

(d) the number of railway routes electrified so far in Bihar and the number of more routes proposed to be electrified by December 1992 alongwith the details of the action being taken in this regard and

(e) the steps Government propose to take to ensure adequate supply of electricity in view of proposed electrification of Railway lines on large scale?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN) (a) It is expected to withdraw them by the year 2000

(b) Phasing out of steam locomotives is a continuous process with priority being given to areas farthest from coal belts drought affected areas, long distance passenger trains operating needs etc No specific routes have been identified for withdrawal of steam engines

(c) and (d) A statement is attached

(e) The accelerated pace of electrification is not likely to be hampered for want of supply of electricity as the Railway consumption for electric traction is less than 2.5% of the total national consumption

STATEMENT

(c) Sections planned for nergisation during 1991-92 are as under -

	<i>Name of Section</i>	<i>RKMs</i>
1	Harda-Bhusawal (Part of Itarsi-Bhusawal)	235
2	Bolai-Bhopal (Part of Bhopal-Nagda)	105
3	Bhandara Road-Nagpur (PPart of Durg-Nagpur)	64
4	Mulanur-Bangalore (Part of Jolarpettai-BANGALORE)	117
5	Diva-Panvel	24
6	Kazipet-Aler (Part of Kazipet - Sanatnagar)	62
7	Salem-Erode (Part of Jolarpettai-Erode)	68
Total		675

After electrification electric locomotives will be gradually introduced

(d) The routes electrified in the State of Bihar as on 31.3.91 are as under:—

(i) TRUNK ROUTES

(i) Saidraja—Gaya—Dhanbad—Kumardubni a part of Howrah—Mughalsara Section

(ii) Chakulia—Jaraikela a part of Howrah—Nagpur Section.

(ii) MAIN LINES INCLUDING BRANCH LINES

1. Biramdih—Sini; Kandia—Gombaria part of Asansol—Tatangar Section.

2. Rajkarswan—Dongaposi—Barabilla

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3. Bhojudih—Gomoh a part of Gomoh—Adra—Kharagpur Section.

4. Tupkadih—Talgaria; Gomoh—Bokaro Steel City, Gomoh—Gumia.

5. Chandrapura—Complex.

(iii) ROUTES PROPOSED TO BE ELECTRIFIED BY DECEMBER, 92. NIL.

(iv) WORKS IN PROGRESS

Electrification of 725 RKMs on the following Sections falling in the State of Bihar is in progress.

Section	RKMs.	RKMs falling in the State of Bihar
Sonnagar—Patratu—Gumia	363	363
Sitarampur—Jhajha	154	138
Bokaro Steel City—Muri—Hatia—Bondamunda—Barsuan and Bimiagarh/Kiriburu	398	224
		725

(v) NEW PROPOSALS

Following Electrification proposals for 425 RKMs falling in the State of Bihar have been included in the Railway Budget for 1992–93:—

Section	RKMs	RKMs falling in the State of Bihar
1. Jamadoba—Mohuda	22	22
2. Chandil—Muri—Barkakana	119	95
3. Jhajha—Mughalsarai including Rampur Dumra—Garhara/Barauni	408	308
		425